

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 16, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Diane Ripple, Jim Pearson, Ron Pupp, Caitlen Daniels, Raquel Mehring, Ed Cohen, Barb Holtz, Joe Vitale, Meg Kasprowicz, Sara Carpenter, Kurt Gehrke, Missy Kueht-Becker, Sarah Matson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Slesar, Antwayne Robertson, Jesus Mireles, Eve Altizer

Ron Pupp called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. and introductions were exchanged.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meg Kasprowicz made a motion, seconded by Sara Carpenter to approve the minutes of September 18, 2008. The motion was voted on and carried.

**BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Joe Vitale reported on a number of items:

- On October 8, 2008 the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee disbanded.
- On October 9, 2008 the Public Health Advisory Board met.
- The Health and Human Services Board and Committee will be meeting this afternoon and will be hearing about the National Public Health Performance Standards.
- The Workforce Development Board met yesterday and are working on the vision and mission of the State Council. Sauk County was selected as the Employer of the Year.
- The Mental Health Advisory Committee will be meeting on October 20, 2008 and Susan Dreyfus from Rogers Memorial Hospital will be speaking on Mental Health Parity.
- On October 22, 2008, Secretary Reggie Bicha with the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families will be here at Waukesha County for a meet and greet session. All are invited to attend.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ron Pupp reported on the Nominating Committee's recommendations for 2009-2011. There are seven seats in question, two seats are being recommended for removal, three possibly being removed, one recommended for continuation – St. Charles, and one seat replaced with a different individual from the same organization – Hebron House

- Cheri Sylla, Cesa 1 – ask for a new replacement
- Amy Baumann, Up Connection – removal
- Terri Enters, Autism – removal – Jesus Mireles and Missy Kueht Becker will work on new replacement
- Eryn Menden, Public Defender's office. Peter Slesar will contact office to see if someone else may be available as this is an important representation.
- Brenda Rios, LaCasa, Jesus Mireles will ask for a new replacement.

- Tim Rowe, Hebron House – will be replaced with Heather Rodriguez
- Judy Hickey, St. Charles, would like to continue despite scheduling conflicts.
- Nicole Hunkins, UCP, new nominee to add, former member of the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee that has disbanded.
- Kathryn Franke, Wisconsin Family Ties – will be replaced with Sheryl Gerstl.

Peter Slesar will contact a few former department clients to see if they would like to be a citizen member on the CAFSAC committee. This would be a nice opportunity for clients to give back and will give an additional perspective from the client adding to the professional perspective of the committee. If no objections, Pete will pursue.

## **ISSUE SEGMENT**

David Whelan and Chris Kronk presented on the National Children's Study. The basics of the study have been presented previously to this committee. A video was shared that talked a little about the design of the study, to enrich the future of our children in all social economic groups. The National Children's study is a study of children, families, and their environment, looking at everything at once, to learn about medical health options, trends going on right now that we may be able to counteract. Community Awareness Campaigns will begin in 2009. In April of 2009, the study will focus out in the field, reaching out and getting help and support. They will go door to door in 105 counties and will recruit as many women as possible in preconception stage. The National Children's study did incur some funding hold ups for a period of time, but now a total of 78 counties have been funded in 36 states. A question and answer period followed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A new Fall/Winter flyer for Parents Place was shared.

The Addiction Resource Council and partnerships for Children's Mental Health invite parents and professional to a "Prime for Life – Lifestyle Risk Reduction Training for Parents". For further details call Jim Pearson at 262-524-7921 x 104.

An A-CRA training by Dr. Robert J. Meyers will be held on November 17-19, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the County Springs Hotel in Waukesha.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Human Services Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)